Women's Work—

NEGRO WOMEN FEDERATION OF CLUBS MEETING

THREE DAYS' SESSION HELD THIS YEAR AT TUSCALOOSA — OFFICERS ELECTED FOR COMING YEAR.

2/9/12

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov. 9.— The Alabama Federation of Colored Women's clubs, composed of leading negro women of the state representing thirty clubs located in Montgomery, Birmingham, Mobile, Selma, Tuscaloosa, Tuskegee Institute, Decatur, Anniston, Talladega, Bessemer, Auburn, Sylacauga Mount Meigs, Waugh, Miller's Ferry and Purvis, Ala., closed its fourteenth annual meeting here yesterday after holding three interesting sessions daily for three days. The meetings were presided over by Cornelia Bowen, of Waugh, Ala., who has successfully served in that capacity eight successive years. The first meeting was held Wednesday at the First Baptist church, Rev. I. T. Simpson, pastor, where welcome addresses were delivered by the pastor and other representative citizens and gracefully responded to in behalf of the federation by Mrs. H. C. Davenport, of Birmingham. The meetings Thursday and Friday were held at the A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. W. L. Hamlin pastor.

Prominent Visitors

Among the visitors during the sessions were Dr. George A. Weaver and Dr. Mitchell, physicians of Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Booker T. Washington, wife of the famous founder and principal of Tuskegee Institute; Rev. A. F. Owens, dean of the Bible school, Tuskegee Institute, representing the press, and one of the trustees of the Mount Meigs reformatory appointed by Governor O'Neal; Rev. W. L. Hamlin, Rev. J.—F. Simpson, Professor B. H. Barnes, G. W. Ball, Sam Daley, in charge of the reformatory for negro boys near Tuscaloosa; Rev. J. A. Holliday, Joshua Pickett, representing the Young Men's Christian Association; W. E. Picket and other well known citizens of Tuscaloosa.

Good Work Done.

The federation established the Mount Meigs reformatory for negro boys. By an act of the last legislature the reformatory was created a state institution with the title, "The Alabama Reformatory for Juvenile Negro Law-Breakers," appropriating eight thousand dollars for improvement and further provided for the maintenance of the institution. In December last the state of Alabama assumed absolute control and the governor appointed nine trustees in compliance with the law. Up to that time the reformatory with forty odd inmates, was maintained entirely by the federation and the general public.

While the reformatory is now a state institution the trustees appointed an advisory board which is a connecting link between the trustees of the state reformatory and the Alabama Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. Through the advisory board composed of officers of the federation, the colored women cooperate with the trustees in running the reformatory.

Fine Report.

Reports read by the recording secretary, R. S. Caldwell, of Mobile, Treasurer L. F. Hadnott, of Birmingham; Corresponding Secretary M. J. Lewis, of Montgomery, and Chairman of Board of Management L. B. Dungee, of Montgomery, the summary of which showed that the general receipts during the year were $1,416.07 the disbursements were $1,135.10, leaving a balance on hand of $280.97 with all outstanding claims paid.

Montgomery Clubs Lead.

The Anna M. Duncan Club of Montgomery, of which Mrs. L. B. Dungee is president, collected $369.-03 and paid out to bills on reformatory $175.85 leaving a balance in cash $194.08 turned over to the treasurer at the meeting Friday. This was the largest amount of cash reported by clubs at the meeting. This very creditable report showed that white citizens of Montgomery made donations ranging from $2.00 to $25.000. This report also gave the banner to the Anna M. Duncan club and the chairman, Mrs. Dungee, was presented with a handsome silver tea set as a testimonial of the appreciation by the federation of the excellent services rendered the reformatory during the year.

Other Clubs Made Good Showing.

The clubs of Mobile, Birmingham, Selma and Waugh, Tuskegee Institute and other clubs of Montgomery made gratifying reports and received special commendation.

Clubs Do General Charity Work

Aside from the donations from the clubs for the reformatory work these clubs have made very liberal contributions of money and other things to the needy in their respective communities largely in excess of the amounts reported at the federation meeting.

Sixty-one Boys in Reformatory.

The reports showed also that there are sixty-one boys in the reformatory; that they earned $497.-00 during the year picking cotton for neighboring farmers and that the management of the reformatory by the trustees for the state is very satisfactory.

Federation Wants to Build Annex.

As an illustration of the willingness of the federation to continue their co-operation with the state of Alabama in running the reformatory at Mount Meigs it was decided to ask the trustees for the privilege of erecting a suitable annex to be used as a trades building for the boys the cost not to exceed $500.00.

Rescue Home for Wayward Girls.

It was decided also to begin raising funds to establish a rescue home for wayward colored girls. The proposition was referred to the executive board of the federation to select a suitable location. Very favorable inducements were offered by the Birmingham clubs for the location of the proposed home in that city. The matter will be considered by the executive board in their January meeting. The clubs are enthusiastic and united as to the necessity of the home. This will probably be their next move after erecting the annex at the reformatory for the boys.

Addresses by Visitors.

The federation was addressed by Rev. A. F. Owens; Dr. J. T. Simpson; Rev. W. L. Hamlin; Rev. J. A. Holliday; Dr. George Weaver and Dr. Mitchell, Sam Daley; Professor B. H. Barnes, G. W. Ball, and other leading colored citizens.

Fine papers were read by Juliette Bradford, of Birmingham, and Miss Garrette, of Montgomery. Dr. Weaver delivered an instructive address on tuberculosis calling attention to the high death rate among the colored people and made important suggestions on the laws of health.

Booker Washington's Wife Speaks

Mrs. Booker T. Washington delivered an inspiring address on what the federation stands for which was enthusiastically applauded.

The meeting was considered the best ever held in the history of the organization. These women are doing an unselfish work for the uplift of the unfortunate and the criminal classes of their race that places them among those who are doing the world's work. They represent school teachers and church workers whose aim is the highest standard of moral, civic, educational and religious improvement of the classes in cities and rural districts in Alabama. They enjoy the confidence and the highest endorsement of the best white people in the state.

Work Endorsed by White People.

When the bill offered in the legislature to create the reformatory a state institution was being considered by the law makers more than a hundred of the leading white citizens of the state petitioned the legislature to pass the bill and make the appropriation asked for by the federation.

The visitors passed resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Tuscaloosa for their generous hospitality and adjourned to meet next year in Mobile.

The following officers were elected:

Miss Cornelia Bowen, Waugh, Ala., president; Mrs. R. S. Caldwell, recording secretary, Mobile, Ala.; Mrs. M. J. Lewis, corresponding secretary, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. L. F. Hadnott, treasurer, Birmingham, Ala. Chairman committee of management, Mrs. L. B. Dungee, Montgomery, Ala., first vice-president, Mrs. L. R. Burwell, Selma, Ala.; second vice-president, Mrs. S. A. Christian Greensboro, Ala.; state organizer Mrs. A. M. Brown, Birmingham, Ala.

CLUB WOMEN MEET.

7/4/12

State Federation Held Annual Session —Miss Bethune Makes Plea for Southern Girls.

Declaring that special efforts should be made for the uplift of the girls of the South, Miss Mary M. Bethune won the plaudits of the large audience that attended the session of the New York Federation of Colored Women's Clubs at St. Mark's M. E. Church, Tuesday night. Miss Bethune, who is the principal and founder of the Daytona (Fla.) Educational and Industrial School, spoke on "The Southern Girl—Our Responsibility for Her."

"Those of us who live in the North," she said, "express sympathy for the Southern colored girl. Sometimes, and rightly, too, we say when she comes North to seek better opportunities and surroundings, she is not fitted for the complex life of this section of the country. Instead of expressing sympathy alone, I would have those of us who live in the North take a deep and active interest in helping the Southern girl secure larger opportunities for development along moral, intellectual and industrial lines."

The opening session of the fourth annual meeting of the Federation was held Tuesday afternoon, when reports from the various departments and officers were received. It was also reported that the Federation had aided financially Mrs. Harriett Tubman, the heroine of the Underground Railroad.

Musical numbers were rendered at the evening session by Miss Minnie Brown, Mrs. Daisy Tapley, Miss Sarah May Talbert and Mr. Garfield Tarrant.

Mrs. Mary L. Lewis, of the White Rose Industrial Association, delivered an address welcoming the various clubs yesterday (Wednesday) morning. Responses were made by Mrs. Mary C. Kenny of Geneva and Mrs. Charlotte Dett of Niagara. Mrs. Daisy Cargile Reed read an interesting paper on "The Work of the Neighborhood Clubs." The discussion on the paper was opened by Mrs. M. C. Lawton. A round table discussion on "Should Girls Enter Society While Attending School?", "The Stage as a Factor in Education," and "Should Colored Social Settlements be Encouraged in Communities Where Little or No Prejudice Exists?" and "The Need of Domestic Training for Boys and Girls" followed. Miss S. Elizabeth Frazier presided.

Miss Eva Burleigh, of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, opened the discussion. Mrs. Daisy Tapley read a paper on "The Educational Value of Music." A conference on the physical development of in- children and young women com- the work of the morning session. V. Morton Jones presided.

Miss Grace Campbell, probation officer of the Court of Special Sesions, made a plea for a detention home for colored girls at the afternoon session. Solos were sung by Mrs. Harriett Charms and Mrs. Hattie Jones. Mrs. M. Tate Eccles gave a recitation, after which the annual election of officers was held. Mrs. Mary Burnett Talbert of Bualffo delivered her annual address as president at the closing session. Albon H. Holsey told of the work of the National Association for the Advancement of the Negro, and musical numbers were furnished by Mrs. Daisy Tapley, Miss Andreads Lindsay and Mr. William Holland. Mrs. Booker T. Washington, who was on the program to speak, sent a letter regretting that severe illness compelled her to be absent. Mrs. Washington, in her letter, also praised the work that colored women's clubs are doing in various sections of the country.

A number of the ladies will attend the annual convention of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, which will be held at Hampton, Va., this month.

WOMAN'S LOYAL UNION

Annual Session Held at New Bedford —Miss Elizabeth Carter Re-elected President—New Departments Established.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Nov. 5—The Woman's Loyal Union held its annual meeting for 1912 on the third Tuesday in October, at the New Bedford Home for the Aged. Delegates who attended the Northeastern and National Conventions were greeted by a large audience.

Business of the regular order was transacted, after which the election of officers was gone into.

Miss Elizabeth C. Carter, who has served as president for a number of years, was re-elected. Other officers: Mrs. Alice Scott, first vice-president; Mrs. Mary Anna Riley, second vice-president; Mrs. Mabel Cook, recording secretary; Miss Sibelle M. Carter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nellie Barbour, treasurer; Mrs. Anna White, editor.

Departments were established as follows: Mothers and Juvenile, Arts and Crafts, Educational, Social, Current Events, Philanthropic.

A delightful social hour was enjoyed after which the Union adjourned to hold its next monthly meeting of the third Tuesday in November. At this meeting Miss Blossie May Freedom will give an illustrated lecture on "The Musician."

An echo meeting under the auspices of the Women's Loyal Union was held at the A. M. E. Zion Church, Sunday, October 27, when the delegates from the National and Northeastern conventions gave interesting reports. A large audience was present and heard Miss Louise Scott and Miss Clara Davis from the Northeastern Convention, and Miss Elizabeth C. Carter, ex-president of the National Convention, who was a delegate to that body. These reports were interesting and inspiring and added to the enthusiasm of the women. A goodly collection was raised and given to the church.

The next meeting will be a suffrage meeting, and the subject to be considered is "Shall the women vote?"

The work of the club as planned for the next year will be to the benefit of the city of New Bedford and the women are determined to carry it out.

The Juvenile Department of the Women's Loyal Union gave an autumn entertainment on Friday evening, October 25. The Olive orchestra furnished music for the evening, and a large crowd of young people enjoyed themselves. The Wide Awake Girls are making a success of their work.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Some Impressions from the Sessions of the Empire State Federation.

New York Age 1-11-12

BY MAY MARTEL.

Miss Martel will answer through this column questions of interest to women. Address her in care of THE AGE.

When was it? Everybody knows it was last week.

Who was there? Well, most of the colored women who are "doing things" in Greater New York, and many from other places. It was a pleasure and inspiration to look into their faces and hear them tell of real work that is being done to help our people, especially our young women.

St. Marks did herself honor to throw wide her doors and bid them welcome. The pity is the church wasn't crowded at each session, for never, more than now, did we need to get together and study out some of the complex problems facing us.

Mrs. Taloert, the very able president, impressed all as the "right woman in the right place," and the Federation bore this out by re-electing her for another year.

Institutions and organizations in which women are interested were primarily to the fore, especially the clubs of the Federation.

On Tuesday Mrs. Bethune of the Dayton Educational and Industrial School for Negro Girls, made a splendid address on "The Southern Girl—Our Responsibility for Her." And we are responsible for her to a large extent.

On Wednesday Mrs. Daisy C. Reed (of Hope Day Nursery fame) told of the work of the Utopian Neighborhood Club, which is endeavoring to establish a home for delinquent colored girls. Little old New York is proud of Mrs. Reed. Without thought of self she has enthusiastically taken up the immense work of trying to establish a home for our girls who deviate slightly from the path of rectitude and are caught in the dragnet of the police. Maybe the slip comes from thoughtlessness; but instead of pushing them further down by a prison term, this home is designed to stand for another chance, and the helping hand they so much need.

In this connection Miss Grace Campbell, may be mentioned. Miss Campbell, who is a woman of intelligence and broad sympathy, is probation officer in the Court of General Sessions. It was primarily through her experience that the thought of a detention home crystallized. The colored women may well congratulate themselves on having a representative like Miss Campbell in this responsible position.

It was a disappointment to hear nothing from the Women's Business League. Its president, Mrs. Eccles, was present, and recited, but we wanted to know what the league is doing? And where were Mrs. Ransom of the Y. W. C. A. and Mrs. A. M. Robinson of the Hope Day Nursery? We wanted to hear about their institutions.

Well, now, it did one good to see Mrs. Daisy Tapley, as well as to hear her beautiful voice. She has a most graceful carriage and walk; something one does not see every day. Most of us walk as if we were apologizing for living, and that is one of the reasons the death rate from tuberculosis is higher among Negroes than any other nationality. Why not teach your Y. W. C. A. girls how to walk, Mrs. Tapley, as well as how to sing?

It is always a pleasure to hear Mrs. Keyser, the head of the White Rose Home, which has sheltered so many girls from the Southland. Mrs. Keyser is one of our most cultured women, and one of the best speakers of the race; besides that, and most important of all, by her own life and deeds she is making the world a better place in which to live.

Mme. M. J. Stuart, secretary of the Federation, Miss S. Elizabeth Frazier, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. M. R. Lawton, Mrs. Seay, Dr. V. Morton Jones, Miss Cecil Batey, Miss Eva Burleigh, Mrs C. Dett, of Niagara Falls, and other women who believe that "The End Crowns the Work," were there to inspire us, and to let us know that they are doing their share towards the betterment of the race.

The words of the Federation song written by Miss H. Cordelia Ray, are inspiring, but is the tune "Marching Through Georgia," appropriate for a body of colored women? Here is a chance for one of our composers to give us an original tune.

(Yes, there were men present, but it was a woman's affair in every particular, and well may they be proud of it.)

MAY MARTEL.

To The Negro Women of The State of Arkansas.

Most of you are aware of the fact that the last legislature passed an act known as the Grand Father Clause.

The purpose of this act is to disfranchise the Negroes or take from them their right to vote.

The Legislature proposes to make this an amendment to the Constitution of the State and in order to do this it must be voted upon at the September election by the people and must have a majority of the votes cast.

It becomes the duty of every Negro man to act in his own defense because if this right is taken from him it will be difficult to have it restored.

We read of outrages committed on Negroes in different parts of the country, they are killed or lynched without defense of the law and driven from their homes and made to sacrifice their property. These conditions exist in their worst form in states where the Negroes are already disfranchised. The ballot or right to vote is the weapon that the Negro has for defense to protect his rights.

Hence it becomes an imperative duty of every Negro voter to cast his vote against this amendment and in this way help to defend his own rights and the rights of his people.

In order to be able to vote in the September election every man must pay his poll tax before the first day of July.

The Women of the Federation Clubs in Little Rock feeling the importance of this have decided to send out this circular letter to the Negro Women of the State urging them to see that every man of their family or under their influence, of and above the age of 21, pay his poll tax first of all, then see that they cast their vote against this amendment.

We should consider this most important issue before us and should be willing to make any sacrifice to have it done.

The Negro vote of the State, if cast as it should be, is enough to defeat the passage of this amendment.

Will the Negro sit down and have his rights and those of his children taken from them without doing what he can to prevent it?

What a woman wills to do she usually accomplishes it, and it now becomes the duty of every woman to put her shoulders to the wheel to bring about such a pressure up on men that this amendment will be overwhelmingly defeated.

Let our motto be "Down with the Amendment and retain our Citizenship."

If we do not do this we will show ourselves unworthy of citizenship and the voices of our children will condemn us when we have passed away. If we do not accomplish its defeat we will show to the world that we have made an effort to do so.

Committee of City Federation of Women's Clubs of Little Rock

Mrs. A. T. Strickland, Chair man.

Mrs. Annie Gillam, Sec.

Mrs. Jennie Flowers.

HARRIET TUBMAN.

New York Age 2-29-12

We desire to direct anew the attention of the readers of THE AGE to the statement made to the members of the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, published in THE AGE of February 8 by Dr. James Edward Mason, on the condition and needs of Mrs. Harriet Tubman, who is in the Tubman Home at Auburn, N. Y. The statement, like most that Dr. Mason speaks or writes, is very eloquent with truth, and with admiration for the grand old women who is now quite one hundred years old, but has a clear mind and an undiminished interest in the race to which she gave the best years and efforts of her life. But the words of Dr. Mason were not more eloquent, more helpful, than the check for $10 which he sent to the committee with his statement to assist them in the provision they are making for the physical well-being and comfort of Mrs Tubman.

Dr. Mason is quite right in asking why the Federation should be left alone to provide for Mrs. Tubman, who should have the race of 10,000,000 to do it for her; but it is a good and patriotic work that the Federation has undertaken, and it should not only hold fast the good work but be encouraged to do so, not with words only but with checks, great and small, that will help to pay for the service and the things Mrs. Tubman needs to make her comfortable.

It is a glorious thing to take care of the old and infirm of the home; those who have borne the heat and burden of the years that their children might have abundantly of the things they need to make them good and useful members of society; it is a glorious thing for the children to do, to "honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land that God gives you." The families in which this rule is a law are among the strongest in their race life, in their tribal life, in their family life, in their national life. The observance of the law has been most scrupulously observed in the building and maintenance of the Christian homes of Europe and America.

The obligation to make life pleasant and comfortable for Mrs. Tubman is a race obligation. The Women's Federation is the proper body to have the care of Mrs. Tubman's welfare and keeping, but the money they need with which to do it is a race obligation, and the race should not shirk it. Money for this purpose may be sent in care of THE AGE, which will turn it over to the Federation.

Women's Work

CALIFORNIA WOMEN

Marked Interest in Club Work Since Session of Federation at Los Angeles —Many Departments Being Organized.

9-5-12

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 1.—The sixth annual convention of the California Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, held here recently, has done much to create marked interest among the colored women of the state in club work. When the federation met with Mrs. D. W. Boyer in the chair, thirty clubs were represented and fifty-eight officers and delegates were present. Now more clubs are being formed.

Among the many encouraging club reports was that of Sojourner Truth Club of Los Angeles, Mrs. Minnie Scott president, which in one rally raised $1155 in cash for a working girls' home, which has been purchased and a new building costing $5,000 is to replace the smaller one. The Helping Hand Society of the same city owns four lots and a cottage at Quarte, Cal., supports an old woman, and is endeavoring to build a home for the aged. Mrs. Fannie Warner is president. The Day Nursery of Los Angeles only owes $500 on its property.

The Girls' Nautilus Club of Oakland is raising a fund to build a fence around the old people's home at Beulah. The Friday Afternoon Club of San Diego had raised and expended a large sum for worthy charities. The report from each club showed that the object of the organization was real social service. Reports from state superintendents were listened to with interest. Mrs. Bertha L. Turner, chairman of Domestic Science, had compiled a Federation cook book of recipes by California club women. Mrs. G. M. Warner, chairman civics and forestry, had planted trees at old folks' home in Beulah, Cal., and at Allensworth colony. Mrs. Allensworth gave a touching account of her juvenile work. Mrs. G. M. Tillman, second honorary president read the new paper account of Virginia Christine and a petition was telegraphed to the governor of Virginia in the young girls behalf. Among the interesting addresses presented were the following: "Teeth and their Relation to Health," an illustrated lecture by Dr. A. C. Garrett of Los Angeles; "The Call," by Mrs. Dodge of San Diego; "Negro Literature," by Mrs. Katherine D. Tillman; "Business Opportunities for Our Women," by Mrs. P. D. Turner; "Working Girls' Home," by Mrs. Scott. An original poem, "A Plea for Humanity," was given by Mrs. Eva Carter Buckner, author of the state song, "In the Ranks," and other club songs; and another, "Our Federation," by a young poetess of Handford, Cal., Miss Maud Roberts, who had on sale an attractive little booklet of her poems.

Give Money To Charity.

Two of the most popular women at the convention were Mrs. Etta V. Moxley, first vice-president, and Mrs. L. A. Oliver, recording secretary. The singing of the Santa Monica Quar of girls, in Japanese costur effective.

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officers elected are: President, Mrs. E. V. Moxley, Santa Monica; vice-president, Elizabeth Brown, Oakland; second vice-president, Mrs. F. West, Bakersfield; third vice-president, Mrs. Dodge, San Diego; recording secretary, Mrs. Ada Jackson, Los Angeles; corresponing secretary, Mrs. T. F. O'Reilly, Sacramento; financial secretary, Mrs. Maude Roberts, Handford; treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Cowes, Oakland; chaplain, Mrs. S. A. Wright, Santa Monica; editoress, Miss Marie Simpson, Bakersfield; organizers, Mrs. G. Wethers, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. R. D. Tillman.

Heads of Departments: Juvenile, Mrs. A. Allensworth; reciprocity, Miss Tyree, Mrs. Bate; mothers' department, Mrs. L. A. Oliver; domestic science, Mrs. B. L. Turner; civics and forestry, Mrs. G. M. Warner; suffrage, Mrs. F. C. Buckner; literature, Mrs. J. C. Slaughter, Mrs. Belle Butler; business, Mrs. Eugene Walker; ways and means, Mrs. J. D. Shackleford; third honorary president, Mrs. E. W. Boyce.

Omaha, Neb., July 2.—The seventh annual session of the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women came to a close a few days ago at St. John's A. M. E. Church, 18th and Webster streets. The session, which had lasted two days, was regarded as a most profitable one, and was largely attended. Among the prominent colored women present from other States were Miss Van Pusee, of the Topeka institute.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. J. Sellers, Lincoln, Neb.; first vice-president, Mrs. Lula Roundtree; second vice-president, Mrs. Anna Jones; secretary, Mrs. Alice Smith; assistant secretary, Miss Dollie Harding, Lincoln; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. McKinney; treasurer, Mrs. Minnie Coston; chaplain, Mrs. Sarah Severe (re-elected). South Omaha was selected as the meeting place for next year.

The Patton Hotel has been newly painted and thoroughly renovated and is now ready for the reception of summer guests.

Mrs. Edward Patton has returned from Denver, Col., looking the picture of health.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith are now pleasantly located in their cosy residence, 2312 North 27th street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Mayweather are now pleasantly located in their own cottage, 1417 East 12th street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. W. D. Sandifor is doing a good business at his restaurant, 922 South 11th street. Mr. Sandifor is negotiating for a hotel in Council Bluffs, Ia.

The Age is on sale in the lobby of the Hotel Patton every week. Apply to Miss Minnie Saunders, who is very much interested in The Age.

MRS. FRANCIS ELECTED.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

St. Paul, Minn., July 15.—As a result of a recent election held by the Minnesota State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs which met in St. Paul, Minn., June 27 and 28, Mrs. W. T. Francis was unanimously chosen president, to succeed Mrs. I. E. Gibbs, who was made honorary president. Mrs. Francis, who is well known in the East, is one of the younger club workers, which emphasizes the fact that her ability to lead the forces is recognized as a more important factor than experience. The program of the Minnesota Federation is an exhibition of up-to-date club work.

"Aunt" Harriet Tuoman, who was an unbreveted "General" during the Civil War and gets a pension of $20 a month, has also been getting $25 a month from the Empire State Federation of Women's Clubs, has earned all the money she is getting, and should have $50 a month more. In the days that tried men's souls Aunt Harriet Tubman did the work of many men, who could not do the same sort of work for themselves, and now, in her old age, the men, 10,000,000 of them who profited by her labors and sacrifices and heroism, should see to it that they do for her even as she did for them.

RAISE TUBMAN PENSION

If a place like Hampton, where is located one of the largest educational institutions of the colored, people it is natural that a fairminded correspondent should note many surprising events that concern the colored race. The National Association of Colored Women has just closed in Hampton a most remarkable convention at the institute. It was composed of eight hundred local clubs. The following statistics from two hundred local clubs show the strength of the organization: Total membership, 10,908; money collected in two years, $22,[illegible]29.60; cost of property owned by clubs, $61,345.15; present valuation of property, $113,332.25. Special work of the following nature is carried on by the society: Support of reformatories, old folk's homes and social settlements, nurseries, working girls' homes, study of civics, needle craft and domestic science, and development of social uplift work. The convention was largely attended and difficult problems were well handled in the discussions. It is indeed a rare thing that the heat there reaches a point where it causes actual suffering and as I said above prostrations are rare, while deaths from this cause are almost unknown. It is not that the temperature does not climb as high here as in some other places but the cooling breeze from the water around us blows in to prevent suffering and death. The dry weather came near bringing disaster to our truck farmers.

GEO. E. FOSTER.

ANNUAL MEETING OF COLORED STATE FEDFRATION

Southern Reporter

The annual meeting of The State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs convened here last week, beginning with public exercises Wednesday night at St. Luke's Presbyterian church. The days sessions of the convention were held in the auditorium of the State College, where dinner was also served in the College Dinning Hall to the delegaates and visitors. Those attending came from thirty odd clubs in various portions of the State and brought with them most inspiring reports of the credible work done by them during the past year to alleviate suffering and uplift humanity in the many departments through which the clubs are operated.

The program consisted of numerous addresses and papers on as many subjects by regularly appointed speakers, and there was scarcely a moment of time during all the sessions wasted. Much work was performed and many are the good results that will accrue to the Federation from the discussions and excellent ideas and plans brought forward. Mothers meetings, work among girls, the home, the school, the boys, temperance, social purity, sanitation and general health, including special topics, as the house fly and tuberculosis, were all touched upon by the program and intelligently discussed by the appointees.

A delegation consisting of Mrs Marion B. Wilkinson of Orangeburg and Mrs, Celia D. Saxon, of Columbia, was chosen to represent the State Federation at the National Federation which will meet at Hampton Institute Va. July 25 th. The following officers were elected for the ensueing year: President Mrs. M. B. Wilkinson, Orangeburg: 1st Vice Pres. Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Sumter; 2 nd. Vice Pres. Mrs. J. R. Levy, Florence, 3 rd Vice Pres, Miss Pauline Miller, Charleston, Rec. Sec. Mrs. L. A. J Moorer, Orangeburg; Asst. Rec. Secr Mrs. L. J. Rhobes, Columbia, Cor. Sec Mrs. D. Frazier, Spartanburg; Treasurer Mrs. C. D. Saxon, Columbia; Auditor Miss M. A. Savage, Sumter, Musical Director Mrs. L. B. Levy, Columbia, Supt Health Dept. Mrs. Jane L. Simms Bamburg, Supt. kindergarten Dept Mrs. Porcher, Charleston; Supt. Temperance Dept. Miss Julia Watson, Columbia, State Organizer Mrs. M. H. Wright, Spartanburg, Chair. Ways and Means Committee Mrs. H. B. Butler, Columbia. The next annual meeting will be held in the city of Florence, and it is expected by that time there will be a much increased interest and larger enrollment of members than was reported at this meeting which was regarded as the highest water mark in the history of the Federation in this State.

The sessions were brought to a successful close Friday evening with a grand reception on the college campus at the residence of the President to the delegates and visiting friends. The attendance at this function was largest that ever graced a similar occasion in Orangeburg. Japanese lanterns and electric lights illuminated the scene, and delightful music enlivened the occasion through the compliments of the Orangeburg orchestra. All of Orangeburg seemed pleased to have the Federation here and on all sides there was manifested a general willingness to entertain and contribute to the pleasure comfort of the delegates. Good collections were taken at the churches where the night sessions were held. namely St. Luke's and Trinity, and on every puclic occasion large audiences greeted the speakers. From the reports of clubs it was ascertained that over twelve hundrsd dollars was raised through the State for the work the past year. This is a most creditable showing, and speaks eloquently for an organization that is in the prime of its existence.

MRS. MARY CHURCH TERRELL HONORED.

A very notable event occurred at the Lincoln Memorial Church in Washington, Wednesday of last week, according to the Washington *Evening Star*, when a reception was tendered to Mrs. Mary Church Terrell in honor of her long and faithful services as a member of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia. The *Evening Star* says:

Mrs. Terrell not only served on the board of education as it is at present organized for a period of five years, but also was a member of the board of trustees of public schools for six years under the old system, having been one of the first women appointed when the act of Congress bestowed this privilege on the women of the District.

There were men present at the reception who testified to the life of the National capital—in its church, educational and public service work. They were proud of an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of a woman who has done so much for the public schools of the District of Columbia as Mrs. Terrel has done. Eleven years of such work, in which there was no pay, no compensation, except in the appreciation of the patrons of the schools, is a record which any one could be proud of.

But it is not only in the high work of education that Mrs. Terrell has rendered notable service and gained honorable distinction as a public lecturer, in this country and in Europe, she has brought home to her hearers the fact that Negro womanhood and intellect are factors

WOMEN HOLD LARGE MEETING

Mrs. Booker T. Washington Principal Speaker—Reorganize Women's Business League

On Tuesday evening, October 22, the members of the Harriet Tubman Neighborhood Club was honored, at its regular meeting, held at Mrs. M. L. Anderson's, 2226 Seventh avenue, in having Mrs. Booker T. Washington, president of the National Association of Colored Women, address them. On the same evening the Women's Business League was reorganized. Mme. Marie Jackson Stuart presided.

In presenting Mrs. Washington Mme. Stuart emphasized the fact that no woman before the public to-day was better prepared to talk on the way of uplift for the women and girls of the race than Mrs. Washington, because of her dealing with and actually touching every phase of girl and womanhood by the thousands every year.

Mrs. Washington congratulated the Harriet Tubman Club upon its fine showing and excellent efforts to help make better the conditions surrounding them. She said: "I realize the honor of being president of the National Association of Colored Women, for to my mind no greater honor can come to any colored woman than to be chosen president of such a fine body. I believe in State federations and city federations, for just in proportion to your strength in the city will be your strength in the State, and the strength of the State federation will of necessity make the strength of the National body. I welcome with all my heart the neighborhood clubs. There ought to be more of them. You should form children's clubs, covering some of the needs in your vicinity."

The club voted Mrs. Washington an honorary member. Others voted honorary members were: Mrs. Ione E. Gibbs, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, Miss Addie W. Hunton, Mrs. Philip Payton, Mrs. Cecilia Halloway Cabaniss, Mrs Mary E. Simmons, Miss Nannie H Burroughs, Miss S. Elizabeth Frazier, Mrs. F. R. Keyser and Mrs. Mary Bethune.

The following officers were elected and installed for the Women's Business League: Mrs. M. L. Anderson, president; Mrs. John Beck, vice-president; Mrs. Rosa Williams, second vice-president; Mrs. Shields, recording secretary; Mme. Fannie B. De Knight, financial secretary; Mrs. Warren, [illegible] Chairman executive board, Mrs. [illegible] chairman ways and means, Mrs. [illegible] son; chairman advisory board, Mme. Marie Jackson Stuart.

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[illegible] annual session of the [illegible] Federation of [illegible] Johns [illegible] church in this [illegible] morning [illegible]

[illegible] representing the [illegible] local clubs in the [illegible]

President Mary Spratt, of Little Rock, is presiding over the [illegible] which will continue during [illegible] and close this afternoon [illegible] annual election of officers.

Miss Annie T. Strickland, of Little Rock, is superintendent of the reform fund.

The principal business which will be disposed of at the present meeting will be the raising of funds for the erection of a reform school for the Negro youths of the State.

The convention is the guest of the Colored Social Art Club, of [illegible] of which Mrs. Laura C. [illegible] wife of United States commissioner A. L. Purvot, is the president.

[illegible] was consumed in hearing the reports of the officers. The affairs of the federation are in good condition.

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